

City of Leesville met in regular session on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 3:00 p.m., at City Hall, Leesville, Louisiana. The pledge was given by Mayor for a day winner Terrell Newman, and the invocation was given by Mr. Stokes, MLK Supervisor.

A roll call revealed the following members were present:

District 1	Chris Robertson	<b>Present</b>
District 2	Willie Mae Kennedy	<b>Present</b>
District 3	Danny Dowd	<b>Absent</b>
District 4	Tony Shapkoff	<b>Present</b>
Councilwoman at large	Alice Guess	<b>Present</b>
Councilman at large	William Thomas	<b>Present</b>
Mayor	Rick Allen	<b>Present</b>

Moved by Councilwoman Guess, seconded by Councilman Robertson, to approve the February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 City Council Minutes. Motion passed.

At this time, Stacy Lewis , Accounts Payable, presented the monthly bills to the Council. She explained that the increase was due to the cleco bill being on today's submittal and there being three weeks between council meetings. They thanked her. Moved by Councilman Robertson, seconded by Councilwoman Kennedy, to approve the Monthly Bills. Motion passed.

Next, Mayor Allen presented the pay requests:

Moved by Councilwoman Guess, Seconded by Councilman Shapkoff to approve pay request A. Motion passed.

<b>A.</b> Meyer & Associates, INC.	Fertita Blvd./ Street Rehabilitation Phase I	
DA Basic Engineering Services		\$13,114.81
For Period Ending 1/31/16	Invoice No. 25634	

Moved by Councilman Thomas, Seconded by Councilwoman Guess to approve pay request B. Motion passed.

<b>B.</b> La. Dept of Wildlife & Fisheries	South Runway Safety Area Improvements and Small Master Plan	
Environmental Review Fee	Invoice No. 15031208	\$30.00

Moved by Councilwoman Guess, Seconded by Councilwoman Kennedy to combine pay request C,D,E and F. Motion passed.

Moved by Councilman Thomas, Seconded by Councilman Shapkoff to approve pay the combined pay request. Motion Passed.

<b>C.</b> Pan American Engineers, LLC	South Runway Safety Area Improvements and Small Master Plan	
Administrative Expense, Engineering Basic Service, Miscellaneous Service		\$5,512.50
Invoice No. 19745		
<b>D.</b> Pan American Engineers, LLC	South Runway Safety Area Improvements and Small Master Plan	
Miscellaneous Service	Invoice No. 19746	\$1,365.00
<b>E.</b> Pan American Engineers, LLC	South Runway Safety Area Improvements and Small Master Plan	
Miscellaneous Service	Invoice No. 20472	\$1,747.50
<b>F.</b> Pan American Engineers, LLC	South Runway Safety Area Improvements and Small Master Plan	
Administrative Expense, Preliminary Expense, Miscellaneous Service		\$8,390.00
Invoice No. 20473		

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2 OF 2016**

Mayor Allen opened the **Introduction of Ordinance No. 5 of 2016**. Nikki Howe, City Clerk read the Ordinance out loud. Moved by Councilman Shapkoff, and seconded by Councilman Robertson.

Motion passed through roll call vote:

District 1	Chris Robertson	<b>Yea</b>
District 2	Willie Mae Kennedy	<b>Yea</b>
District 3	Danny Dowd	<b>Absent</b>
District 4	Tony Shapkoff	<b>Yea</b>
Councilwoman at large	Alice Guess	<b>Yea</b>
Councilman at large	William Thomas	<b>Yea</b>
Mayor	Rick Allen	<b>Yea</b>

**City of Leesville**

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*An ordinance of revocation and abandonment of 0.064 acre for George Dhane, 1210 S. 11<sup>th</sup> Street.*

**WHEREAS**, the Leesville Planning and Zoning Commission, at a public hearing held March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 considered an application of revocation and abandonment for George Dhane at 1210 S. 11<sup>th</sup> Street, for 0.064 acres, running parallel to the south end of Lot 6, Block 10 owned by Mr. George Dhane. A 40 X 20' portion of Iowa Avenue, right of way, McFarland heights addition, located in section 22, township 2 north, range 9 west, Louisiana Meridian, Northwest Land District, Vernon Parish.

**WHEREAS**, the Leesville Planning and Zoning Commission, upon unanimous vote, recommended to the Leesville City Council that said property be revoked and abandoned as requested; and

**WHEREAS**, the ordinance was introduced during a regular meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2016, with no opposition noted; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, that the Leesville City Council, hereby, revokes and abandoned the aforementioned property located at 1210 S. 11<sup>th</sup> Street.

The above ordinance was introduced on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 2016 during a regularly scheduled meeting.

The public hearing of this ordinance will be conducted on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016.

This ordinance will be adopted on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of April 2016 during a regularly scheduled meeting, assuming no opposition comes forth, by the following votes:

- Chris Robertson: yea
- Willie Mae Kennedy: yea
- Danny Dowd: absent
- Tony Shapkoff: yea
- Alice Guess: yea
- William Thomas: yea
- Mayor Rick Allen: yea

ATTEST:

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Nikki Howe  
City Clerk

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Rick Allen  
Mayor

Moved by Councilman Robertson, seconded by Councilman Shapkoff, to approve **Resolution No. 10 of 2016**. Motion passed.

**Resolution No. 10 of 2016** Mayor and the City Council to properly seat and recognize a newly commissioned member, Martha Koury, effective the date listed on her individual oath of office to the Civil Service Board.

Moved by Councilman Robertson, seconded by Councilman Shapkoff, to approve **Resolution No. 11 of 2016**. Motion passed.

**Resolution No. 11 of 2016** Mayor is hereby authorized to grant mayoral authority to Terrell Newman to fulfill his duties at Mayor for a day with mayoral authority reverting back immediately following the Presentation of "Back the Badge Day" for agenda item number eleven.

At this time, Terrell Newman, gave his presentation for "Back the Badge Day."

City Administrator, Richard Karamatic, explained that he would like to change the hours at the Golf Course from 8 AM to 7 PM to allow for golfers to play later in the evening, he also explained that the Park Committee would like to change the city park hours from 8 AM to 8 PM with the Leesville Police Department locking the gate in the evening. Also the water department is wanting to try some new ideas to allow for quicker and better service for those customers coming into the department, one of those changes is no longer allow for payment over the phone, effective April 1<sup>st</sup>, the water department will also be changing to the hours of 8 AM to 4 PM to allow the cashiers 30 minutes to reconcile accounts and finish postings. Mr. Karamatic explained that the contractor working on the leaking fire hydrants has repaired eight hydrants and will be back in town with a larger crew within 10 days to repair the remaining leaking hydrants. Also the City server has been changed over and the release date for the new webpage will be realized this week.

City Engineer, Mark McCarty, gave update on the 171 Pizza Hut project, he explained this project is at a stand still while they work through property issues with Tobacco Plus for the placing of the water line in their parking lot. He also announced that the 12 inch water line on the University Parkway Project is moving swiftly and that instead of boring under the road for the placement of those lines, the road would cut and the lines placed since parts of the road will be needing replacing anyways.

City Council Members Closing Comments:

Councilwoman Guess- Gave correction for the Spring Trash Bash to April 23<sup>rd</sup>, She also gave recognition to Judy Mitchell, Executive Assistant to the Mayor, for helping with the Mayor's Youth Council and for planning the Mayor's youth trip to Monroe. Also asked for continued prayers for flood victims and their families.

Councilman Robertson- In regards to the flood victims VPSO is taking action and has emergency vehicles and supplies available for those in need. He also thanked everyone involved for the work being done around the City, he has received numerous positive phone calls in regards to the improvements.

Councilwoman Kennedy- Thanked services members for presence at the meeting and thanked Ricky West being so tentative and for all the work done during the flooding.

Councilman Shapkoff- Asked the City Attorney for update on allowing public speaking at council meetings. Announced he had received several phone calls in regards to the Evans area and flood victims, clothing and house hold essentials are in desperate need to help get through the hard times.

Councilman Thomas – Thanked everyone for coming out, and asked for prayers for flood victims and their families. Thanked Terrell Newman, Mayor a day winner, for his participation and involvement. He also recognized and thanked

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the Service men for their servies and for coming to the council meeting. Thomas also complimented Chief Hill and the Leesville Police Department for their hard work and and job well done during this time.

There being no further business to come before the Council, it was moved by Councilman Thomas, and seconded by Councilman Robertson, to adjourn the regular session at 3:55 p.m. Motion Passed.

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/S/Nikki Howe  
City Clerk

/S/Rick Allen  
Mayor